



**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116-EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1600
PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Vogels et al.

Serial No.: 09/444,284

Filed: November 19, 1999

For: GENE DELIVERY VECTORS
PROVIDED WITH A TISSUE TROPISM
FOR SMOOTH MUSCLE CELLS, AND/OR
ENDOTHELIAL CELLS

Confirmation No.: 8464

Examiner: S. Chen, Ph.D.

Group Art Unit: 1632

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of November 20, 2003, applicants propose to amendment to above-referenced application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8.